Accidental Shooting Victim Recovering

COURTENAY—Const. Miles Novak is in "good condition" in St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, after being shot in the leg by a fellow officer in a mishap in the RCMP office Sunday.

He was wounded when a revolver was accidentally discharged after it had been loaded by Const. Peter Church.

Champ Set For Big Race

GANGES—Mrs. Arnold Lutz is all set to defend a unique title here, Feb. 10.

She is champion of the local Pancake Day race last February—the first of its kind ever held in Canada.

This year's Shrove Tuesday classic, which includes running and flipping pancakes, has been laid out along a 50-yard course through the Ganges business section. It will be held at noon in order that school children can watch and compete.

There will be races for grandmothers and grandfathers and for women and junior pancake racers.

Plans to go ahead with the race await sanction by the membership of the organizers, Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary, at a meeting next week.

Crash Victims Escape Injury

NANAIMO — Two Nanaimo men escaped injury when their car was demolished in an accident yesterday morning.

Nanaimo lacrosse coach Don Ashbee and executive member Dr. Jim Senini were returning to Nanaimo from Victoria when their car swerved out of control just south of Ladysmith.

The vehicle crossed the road, hit a rock and rolled end over end. The two men, dazed but unhurt, crawled through the back window. Dr. Senini's car is described as a total loss.

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Alberni

Socred Backs CCFer

A Victoria Social Credit MLA, J. Donald Smith, last night put his support behind CCFer John Squire in his plea for help to Alberni and Port Alberni in their predicament of having a fixed assessment of $800,000 on $32,000,000 worth of MacMillan & Bloedel properties in those cities.

"I believe all municipalities should assist Port Alberni in taking this to the Supreme Court of Canada for a decision," he said.

"Victoria," he said, "has many fixed assessments — the grain elevator, the Empress Hotel. Why the city fathers have not pursued this, I don't know, but there is a pursuit of home-owners for taxes.

"If this Port Alberni case does go to the Supreme Court of Canada and the company wins the case, then we should have legislation to protect, not only Port Alberni, but all cities and municipalities."

In Duncan Court

Convicted Driver May Appeal Case

DUNCAN — A Salt Spring Island motorist, Norman Jeffery Howland, found guilty of driving without due care and attention, in Duncan police court Wednesday, and fined $35 and $5.50 costs, may appeal, David R. Williams, defence counsel, said.

The case arose from an accident, Dec. 26, on a narrow bridge over the Cowichan River, on Tzouhalem Road. The car driven by Howland skidded into a car owned by William Shelefontiuk, of Old Hillcrest Road, Duncan, as Howland was leaving a ramp on the south end of the bridge.

Magistrate Sutton told the accused that the onus was on him to have his car under control at all times. A police car made a test of driving conditions at the scene and was able to stop.

'Cut Your Pay'

CAMPBELL RIVER—Village chairman and commissioners here will soon be asked to cut their own salaries.

New commissioner A. D. Corker, former village employee, gave notice of a motion calling for the reduction of chairman's indemnity from $2,000 to $1,200 and commissioners' from $700 to $600.

In his election campaign he had promised to try to pare expenses and cut taxes.

Pulp Mill Odor Sparks Appeals

DUNCAN — Four residents of North Cowichan are appealing their property assessments because of odors from the pulp mill at Crofton, B.C. Forest Products, owners of the mill, are appealing a large part of its assessment because they assert that the assessment is "illegal" or "in excess of actual value." Court of revision will sit Feb. 5 in Duncan.

There is a total of 93 appeals in districts 65 and 67. Most of the appeals are from private citizens who give "excessive assessment" as their reason.

Nanaimo Mayor Mails First Letter in New Box

NANAIMO — Mayor Pete Maffeo yesterday mailed the first letter from Nanaimo's new curbside mailbox.

It went to the postmaster-general in Ottawa. Members of the Nanaimo Junior Chamber of Commerce, who were instrumental in getting the new service, attended the brief ceremony.

Plans for Shopping Centre Approved in Campbell River

CAMPBELL RIVER — Village commissioners have approved plans for new stores and bank to be built on the old village hall site, bought recently by Warren Holdings Ltd. for a shopping centre.

The plans provide for a parking area for 100 cars.

Approval was also granted for a licence to B. R. Dixon to build and operate a roller skating rink on Cedar Street — the Flats. The rink will be 80 by 50 feet with outdoor cement floor, fencing, lighting and off-street parking for 75 to 100 cars.

Turned down was a request for establishment of a Dogwood subdivision just outside village boundaries, on the grounds it would encourage building outside the village "yet provide all village amenities for residents of outside areas" if permission were given to connect the subdivision with village sewerage system.

Mill Bay Loading Point For $500,000 Ore Cargo

DUNCAN—A $500,000 cargo of copper ore concentrates is being loaded at Mill Bay for Japan on the Nekkei Maru at the Cowichan Copper Company new conveyor-loading dock at Hatch Point.

A previous shipment, last October, worth $1,300,000 increased in value by $100,000 while it was in transit.

Owing to a clause in the contract calling for payment for the ore at current prices at the time of unloading, the increased value was reflected in the price obtained for the shipment.

The new conveyor-loader in use at the company's dock at Mill Bay simplifies greatly the task of loading the ships. Thousands of tons of ore can now be loaded in a few hours, with only half a dozen men required to operate the conveyor.

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